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## Response to Office Action

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

The above identified applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner of Patents consider the enclosed remarks and enter the following submission into the record, in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated November 26, 2002. Reconsideration in light of this submission is respectfully requested. If the Examiner requires additional action that may benefit from a telephone call, Applicant invites a call to its attorney of record, Nathan W. Johnson (Reg. No. 44,173). E-mail correspondence and transactions to [NJohnson@BradleyArant.com](mailto:NJohnson@BradleyArant.com) are authorized and encouraged.

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### Amendments

Please amend this application as follows. Below this section is a separate section entitled "Remarks Supporting Amendment" that details the location of support for each amendment in the application as filed.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:** Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b)(i), a marked-up copy of the following amended paragraph of the Specification is attached to this paper as Appendix A

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 4 of the application, which as filed begins with the words "Turning now to the drawings," **with** the following: